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My dearest — I need not say how I have thought of you & for you yesterday & today — but I must defer that part of my present note; which only a sort of Gazette announcement. I never gave away anything with so much satisfaction as I gave away our dearest Margaret today — our first child, my dear fellow traveller & fellow labourer, my kind daughter & most faithful friend. But her character, & the effect of her character in creating Godfrey's faithful affection, render the work of yesterday a most satisfactory, — since it seems in every sense to conduce to the welfare & happiness

of both. The ceremony took place at ten o'clock, at the parish church. The bridal party included Grasia, Kate, Bertram, Ellen, I myself — Helene Gertrude also our new friend in church, Walter, Edmund, Agnes, Emily, Rose L., Ethel, Effie Bird, Annie, & Alice. Our party at home only L's & Neals — except Charles. All went off well, both in church, & at home. While lunch, party still all in the house; but presently — about 4.30 Mr & Mrs G. Laurence start for Southampton.

Among our party I forgot to reckon Lizzie Mustard, who stopped with us the last few days. She asks to enclose the enclosed

At dinner B. C. proposed towards of Bride & Bridegroom; I returned thanks as all. Of health also Bryan proposed. [Daisie could not come on account of the baby.]

You may be sure that I thought much of one or two absent. Jane tells me, with her love, to say that she better since the ceremony. Tomorrow she goes to Ashridge for a few days; thinking change may do her good. My love to Anne, Charles, & Bryan, — especially the last, the second, & the first. I am delighted at the better account of him. I only wish I could run down; but — political business is very tight just now.

And my dearest love to my darling Kate, whom nothing there were no need now to write. For, dearest, your loving husband

Elsewhere.